## PRES. WILSON WRITES LETTER TO

TELLS SEC. LANE OF GREAT NEED TO COUNTRY OF EDU-CATED MEN AND WOMEN.

President Wilson some time ago wrote the following letter to Secretary of the Interior Franklin K.
Lane, in which he complimented the
American people on their efforts to
maintain the educational system of
the nation and fold of the great need of educated men and women after the

The White House
Washington, July 31, 1918.

My Dear Mr. Secretary:
I am pleased to know that despite the unusual burdens imposed upon our people by the war, they have maintained their schools and other agencies of education so nearly at their normal efficiency. That this should be continued throughout the war and that insofar as the draft law will permit, there should be no falling off in attendance in elementary schools, high schools or colleges is a matter of the very greatest importance, affecting both our strength in war and our national welfare and efficiency when the war is over. So long as the war continues there will be constant need of very large numbers of men and women of the highest and most thorough training for war service in many lines. After the war most thorough training for war service in many lines. After the war there will be urgent need not only for trained leadership in all lines of industrial, commercial, social and civil life, but for a very high average of intelligence and preparation on the part of all the people. I would, therefore, urge that the people continue to give generous support to their schools of all grades and that the schools adjust themselves as to appear in this city in connection tion in this work of the American Council of Education.

Cordially and sincerely yours,
Woodrow Wilson.
Hon. Franklin K. Lane,
Secretary of the Interior.

to see a large representation of the membership and society to hear him on Sunday.

Gave Good Talk.

Professor McLaughlin of the University of Chicago gave a good talk on "Democracy and Autocracy" at the opera house Tuesday evening. There was nothing of a bombastic nature in his address, but it was deep and full of fod for thought and was appreciated by his audience.

Enters Tank Service. David Earl Crawford, grandson of Capt. and Mrs. D. C. Crawford, has entered the U. S. A. tank service and is now at Gettysburg, getting his training. He tried to get in the aerial service but was rejected.

Marine Corps Notes.

Omaha, Neb. Sept. 23.—He blew in from Gas, Kansas, did John T. Swanson. The recruiting sergeant looked twice, decided his eyesight was true and that there was a man before him. The stranger's middle initial must have stood for "thin." For he was. Here was Hooverism to the Nth degree.

Communities.

For the sake of yourself, your loved ones and the boys over there, be out and attend the mass meeting in the opera house Tuesday evening.

Meeting Night Changed.

Clerk Chas. A. Coon of the local Woodman lodge, informs us that hereafter the meeting nights.

"I want to fight and I want to join the Marines," said Swanson.
"What do you weigh " asked Sergt.

"Ninety-two pounds, but then—".
"No chance here. Suppose you go to the Signal corps. They might attach feathers and use you as a car-

Roy Douglas Across.
Mr. and Mrs. Newton Douglass are in receipt of a letter from their son, Roy, to the effect that he had safely traversed the trackless ocean and had finally been able to set foot on European soil. Roy said that he was well and that he was enjoying life as well as he could. His many friends in this city and vicinity will be glad to hear that he is all o. k. as yet.

Won Mail Route Job.

Charles Johnson of this city started in on sis work as carrier on the Smyrna mail route Monday mornig, having received the appointment from the government through the fact that he had the highest standing of any of the persons who took the competitive examination for the position recently. Mr. Johnson was offered his choice of two positions, one at Pewamo or the Smyrna job and chose the latter.

Mrs. Palmer Coville received a telegram from Detroit Thursday morning notifying her of the death of her long time friend of 41 years, Mrs. Anna Long, widow of the late Dr. O. R. Long who for many years was superintend. ent of the Ionia asylum.

Chicken Pie Dinner
The Rebekahs will serve chicken
pie dinners in the city half from 12
to 2 o'clock on Saturday, Sept. 28.
Prices: Adults, 50c children under 12
years of age, 25c.

Mrs. Alton Evans left for Chicago

#### IMPORTANT MEETING OF STATE HORTICULTURISTS

The 48th annual meeting of the Michigan State Horticultural society is to be held at Detroit, Dec. 10, 11, 12 and 13. The officers have been busy for months making plans for this meeting and it is expected to be the largest and most important meeting the society ever has held.

The Michigan apple show is one of the new features and there will be the biggest display of Michigan apples ever shown in this state. The display will represent apples from practically every fruit-growing township in the state. Many other new features including canning demonstrations, exhibits by the bureau of markets, a sight seeing trip about Detroit and inspection of the eastern market, will make this a "win the war" convention. war" convention.

The program covers four full days The pregram covers four full days with one evening session which will be a rousing patriotic one and should not be missed by any one. Programs and particulars will be mailed to members of the society. The secretary is George M. Low, Bangor, Mich. Programs and particulars will be mailed to anyone on application to him.

## INFLUENZA KEEPS JACKIE BAND AWAY

the schools adjust themselves as wisely as possible to the new conditions to the end that no boy or girl shall have less opportunity for education because of the war and that the er influenza epidemic got acquainted shall have less opportunity for education because of the war and that the nation may be strengthened as it can only be through the right education of all its people. I approve most heartly your plans for making through the Bureau of Education a comprehensive campaign for the support of the schools and for the maintenance of attendance upon them and trust that you may have the cooperation. trust that you may have the coopera. them home to the Great Lakes sta-

The big patriotic meeting arranged and planned for Tuesday, October 1, will be held just the same as if the Woodrow Wilson.

Hon. Franklin K. Lane,
Secretary of the Interior.

REV. W. J. ROOKE AT THE
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
The pulpit supply committee of the
Congregational church have arranged with Rev. W. J. Rooke of Vanderbilt to occupy the pulpit of their church next Sunday merning and evening.

Mr. Rooke is an applicant for the vacant pulpit and may be called to this pastorate. The committee hope to see a large representation of the

The Victory chorus has been se-cured to take the place of the Jackie band as far as it can and it comes well recommended and will undoubt-edly go a long way toward making the meeting a success.

at duty to attend the meeting Tuesday ing. nawhat the government is doing by way leep of winning this war. Mr. Vandenburg is a speaker of exceptional force and ability and has been giving his time and energy for a long time back in the interests of the coming Fourth Liberty loan. Wherever he has spok-en his audiences have been highly satisfied with the information received and a better understanding of the causes and reasons for the war has always followed his visits to the

woodman lodge, informs us that hereafter the meeting nights of the order will be on the first and third Mondays of each month instead of on the second and fourth Tuesdays as has been customary heretofore. Charley also says that he hopes the boys will take interest enough in the old standby to come out to lodge meeting and look over the new quarters.

Not Enough Room.

If you are disappointed in not seeing some article of news in the paper this week it is because we did not have room to get it in the paper. We regret such instances but they happen occasionally in any paper of any consequence.

More Boys For M. A. C. Montcalm county sent a bunch of seven young men through this city to the training school at Lansing on Thursday. They were in high spirits and around their left arm they each had a khaki colored band with, the initials "U. S. N. A." (United States National Army), pinned on.

Squeezed By Necessity.

Early in the war England realized that women must be called on for many unusual forms of war service. Women doctors especially were needed to attend to the civil population as well as for military hospitals. Every effort was made to have women enter medical schools previously tightly closed to women students. Several American institutions quickly followed England's example and made place for women. Notably among these was the Harvard University Medical department, which broke away from its ancient narrow policy. The latest is the Detroit Institute of Technology, which has opened its doors to women. which has opened its doors to women. This course is to be maintained for the "duration of the war." Thus squeezed by necessisty, many institutions must abandon principle for expediency:

# ON BOYS WORKING

BOYS SHOULD ENLIST IN "FOOD ARMY" TO INCREASE CROP PRODUCTION AND HARVEST.

The Banner-News has received from Horatio S. Earle, federal state director of the Boys' Working Reserve, the following communication, with the request that it be published: To the High School Boys of the United States and the Parents: My Dear Friends: The U. S. Boys' Working Reserve is an organization that is endeavoring to mobolize the high school youth of this na-

lize the high school youth of this nation for productive work in this time of national crisis, chiefly upon the farms. Already the farms of the country have been denuded of 50 per cent of their hitherto available farm hands. They are about to be further denuded. It is positively certain that the farmers cannot harvest their crops without the help of the members of the U. S. Boys' Working Reserve.

Reserve.

We are therefore appealing to the schools, to the boys, and to their parents to answer the government's call and to permit the boys to go to the farms in order that the harvests of the country may be garnered and

training of American youth. It is using its every endeavor to protect American youth from any serious invasion of its education and training. If the schools are alive to their opportunity in this crisis it will be perfectly possible, in the opinion of our highest authorities among the school men themselves, to do the work that is ordinarily done through a ninemonths' period. All that the Reserve is asking of the boys, and of their parents and of the schools, is that they shall so adjust themselves to the crisis that they will be able to accomplish within seven months what

Whatever call the Reserve makes accomplishing the course laid do for them by their teachers. Faithfully yours,

National Director. August 29, 1918.

### BALLARD-LLOYD CO. TO **OPEN SATURDAY OCT. 5**

Mr. J. C. Ballard of the Ballard-Lloyd Co., the new firm which will oc-cupy the former Chas. Foster store room, tells us that they will be ready for the public patronage on Saturday, October 5 with a full line of every-thing for the home—in fact, "Every-thing for the Home" will be a sort of

a slogan with the new concern.
Mr. Ballard has just returned from a buying trip to the Chicago markets and he reports that the merchandise which he puchased while there, to-gether with that which they had on



J. C. BALLARD

full and complete line of furniture, rugs, linoleums, china and enamelware stoves, etc. Mr. Ballard states that the concern has two stores at Sparta and with this store, they have a large buying capacity which enables them to purchase goods at low prices and sell them the same.

The Ballard-Lloyd Co. have taken over the undertaking business established by Arthur Fitzjohn and will continue it in the same location. Mr. Ballard is an undertaker of years of experience and together with Mr Fitzjohn will be well able to take care of this branch of the business.

Be sure and watch for their large advertisement next week and attend their opening on Saturday, Oct. 5.

With help Geo. Gleason is able to walk out again.

"WOLL WICHIGAN, WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 25, 1918. PAST MATRONS' NIGHT AT DORIC CHAPTER

There was a large turn out Tuesday night of the members of Doric chapter, O. E. S., to observe past matrons' night.

The initiatory work was done in a very creditable manner by the officers who had not been in active work for several years and they were highly complimented for the way they did it.

At the close of the work of the chapter past matrons' jewels were presented to Mrs. E. B. Lapham and Mrs. Edward Belding.

The presentation on behalf of the chapter was made by Mrs. Earle R. Wilson in well chosen words very complimentary to the service and loy. alty of the past officers. Each recipient of the beautiful jewels expressed their thanks for the gifts.

A fine 6 o'clock supper was served to more than 100 of the members.

### BANKERS UNDER-WRITE DUR FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN

IONIA CO, BANKERS PLEDGE TO TAKE UP ALL OF COUNTY SUBSCRIPTION QUOTA.

farms in order that the harvests of the country may be garnered and saved and to feed our civilian population and our fighting men in France.

This release is thoroughly feasible if the schools will awake as many of them have to the necessity and will accommodate their organization to it.

The U. S. Boys' Working Reserve desires to assist in every possible way in maintaining the education and training of American youth. It is using its every endeavor to protect

accomplish within seven months what which the banks are located and sub-now they accomplish easily in nine scriptions for bonds in any denominascriptions for bonds in any denomina-tion from \$50 up can be handed in at any of the three local banks commenc. Whatever call the Reserve makes upon the school boys of the United States has to do with the vacation periods. It asks the schools in some instances to prolong a vacation period, and in some instances it asks the schools to grant a vacation period, in order that work that is vitally necessary to the winning of the war may be done. But it reiies upon the patriotism of the boys to return to school work, to waste no time in school hours and to make every moment of their school session count in accomplishing the course laid down

matter in this week's issue and we urge you to turn to page feur and look over this splendid patrictic advertisement and then be early at one of the banks and go over the top financially along with the boys over there who go over the top in reality.

Dou your very best, buy all you can and then some. They boys over there waiting and it will make them better able to force back the murderous Prussians if they know that you ler to his mother:

gether with that which they had on hand in their warehouses will stock them with one of the best furniture and house furnishing lines in this section of the state. They will carry a ternoon, whither the couple had gone in company with Mrs. Joseph Isbell, a cousin of the bride, secured the liternoon, whither the couple had gone in company with Mrs. Joseph Isbell, a cousin of the bride, secured the license and had the ceremony performed instead of waiting until after the long journey back to Iowa. Following the marriage, the parties came in the line of dates, in the line of dates, and it is a letter all right. I wish I had it, they are some things in the line of dates, and it is a letter all right. I wish I had it, they are some things in the line of dates, and it is a letter all right. I wish I had it had at Detroit but guess you cannot send that. tives in sunny Tennessee for a time before going to her home, while her huband left dierct for Iowa City, near which place they have a large ranch and where they will reside.

Obtuary—W. H. Shaw,
William Henry Shaw was born in
William ton, Ingham county, Heb.

William ton, Ingham county, Heb. 12, 1853.

Marred to Margaret Ribbey in 1878. to this union were born two children, Mrs. J. O. Flangan of Marquette, Michigan and Frank Shaw of this city. He had been a resident of Belding for 27 years, coming here to reside in 1891 and lost his wife in 1896.

1896.

He was married again August 16, 1902 to Jennie V. Bailey.

Deceased leaves his widow, sen and daughter, one sister, Mrs. S. W. Shaft of Shaftsburg, Mich., and brother, Jim Shaw of Perry, Michigan.

James H. Haskins of Howard City who attended the Republican county convention in this city last week, trove over hy anticonvention in this city last week, drove over by auto in company with his son, and for the first time in 52 years passed over the road between Langston and Stanton. Mr. Haskins' first trip over this trail was in the spring of 1866 when it was through pine forests. He came from Pennsylvania as far as Ionia and walked the rest of the way to where Howard City was afterward located in 1873. He stopped at Stanton, quite a lumber center then, for a day and walked to Langston where he stopped over night. He was then a young fellow of 23, located land in Pierson township and afterward cleared up a big farm in Newaygo county.—Stanton Clipper-Herald.

# AND THEN HOSPITAL

"JIMMY" BURNS, FORMER LOCAL PLUMBER, THINKS BROTHER LUCKY WHEN SHOT IN LEG.

According to the following letter which our genial townsman, Pat Roe, recently received from his nephew, "Jimmy" Burns, the boys over there in battle think that a fellow is lucky when he gets a shot through a leg which puts him out of commission for several months and which gives him a hospital ticket and a good rest for a time. "Jimmy" Burns was a former local plumber in the employ of the T. Frank Ireland Co, and went from here to Ionia, where he enlisted and soon left for France. He has been over there along with the first of the United States forces and is getting his share of the experiences which we read about daily.

His letter is as follows:

August 20, 1918.

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Dear Uncle Patsie:

I received the newspapers and magazines that you sent a few days ago. I was very glad to get them and I thank you very much. You can send some more any time you want to. Well, how is everybody there? Uncle Tom and Mike? I don't hear much from them. As fer myself I am fine. Tom he was lucky and got shot through the leg and went to the hospital; it was just a flesh wound; he gets a good rest and all fixed up before he gets back. I think he is around Bordeaux some place, that is where a good many go to. I landed there when I came across; it sure is a beautiful country down there. where a good many go to. I landed ed there when I came across; it sure is a beautiful country down there. I would not mind having some Dutch, man bing me one in the leg and go town and stay for a couple of months myself. If a man only gets wounded he is lucky and if he comes comes through without a scratch he is d— lucky and that was me but there were a number of times I sold my chance very cheap, but then we ran the Germans ragged just the same. The Germans are good fighters all right to get off 300 or 400 yards and fire at you but when they see the khaki clad boys coming over the top right after them the first thing they do is drop their gun and throw up their hands and "kamerad" but we couldn't understand that at all, either that or the boys let their fingers slip—lots of accidents happen at times like that. I think they will get enough of it after a while.

I had a letter from mother and it said the 85th division had left the

campaign.

The three banks of this city have an advertisement touching on this matter in this week's issue and we urge you to turn to page feur and look over this splendid patriotic advertisement and the splendid patriotic advertisement and t

cannot send that.

Were the tools in the trunk all right. I had quite a few with me

For that record you spoke of I shall write out what I can now and give you (Continued on Page Eight)

## We Shall Not Fail

The United States.
(By Woodrow Wilson, Preside

Again the government comes to the people of the country with the request that they lend their money and lend it upon a more liberal scale than ever before in order that the great war for the rights of America and the liberation of the world may be prosecuted with ever increasing vigor to a victorious conclusion. And it makes the appeal with the greatest confidence because it knows that every day it is becoming clearer and clearer to thinking men throughout the nation that the winning of the war is not won and the selfish masters of Germany are permitted to dictate what America may and may not do. Men in America, besides, have from the first until now dedicated both their lives and their fortunes to the vindication and maintenance of the great principles and objects for which our government was set up. They will not fall now to show the world for what their wealth was intended.

#### **CHRISTMAS BUYING TO** HAVE ITS RESTRICTIONS

Merchants who are planning on having more clerks than the usual number or keeping their stores open longer than the usual hours will be disappointed as will also the last minute shoppers. Christmas buying will commence on November 1 and it will be against the rules to employ more than the usual number of clerks or to keep business places open longer than the usual business hours. This is a government ruling and it is being looked up to find out just how strict it is going to be.

Mrs. Will Richardson and daughter,
Dorothy of Ceral, returned home on
Thursday afternoon after having visited at the home of her husband's
parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Richardson for a short time. Mrs. Richardson was before her marriage, Miss
Emma Rasmussen and when her husband was called in the draft, she went
up to Coral to reside with her parup to Coral to reside with her parents. It was since then that Miss Dorothy was born and the father, who is now over in France, has never seen his "war baby."

# IS ORGANIZED TO PLAY EACH MONTH

HIGH CLASS PLAYS WILL BE PUT ON BY BEST LOCAL TALENT DIRECTED BY MR. MONROE.

Belding Dramatic club will present high class dramatic and comedy plays during the winter months. A number of local dramatic fans have or-ganized a very creditable dramatic society with the intention of of pre-

senting some of the best plays of the present day.

The first of these plays will be pre, sented at the Belding opera house, Friday night, Sept. 27. An exceptionally high class comedy-drama in four acts entitled "Hal o' the Hills." This is one of the most pleasing and ingenious plays of recent years, and has been played in all the larger cit-ies and by some of the best companies -a play containing a charming story portraying in an interesting way, life among the moonshiners and feudsmen of Kentucky. The play is bright, clever and effective both in dialogue and action, bubbling over with high portraying in an interesting way, life among the moonshiners and feudsmen of Kentucky. The play is bright, clever and effective both in dialogue and action, bubbling over with high class comedy, then a touch of pathos and exceptional dramatic scenes. A pretty little tale of heart interest runs through the entire four acts and the characters of old Hank and Ma Weston will keep you in a continuous roar

parts. He had his own stock company in Pittsburg last season playing an engagement lasting 28 weeks, was also juvenile leading man with the Lewis Oliver Stock Co., at Bluefield, W. Va., and Lynchburg, Va., one of the largest stock companies in this

country.

The Belding Dramatic club consid-

Will Have Joint Dinner.
The W. R. C. and the Dan S. Root
Post No. 175 members will have a
joint dinner at the G. A. R. hall on
Saturday, October 5 at which all members are requested to be present. After dinner the regular inspection will
be had.

Mrs. Chas. Johnson,

Arrived Safely Overseas.

Mrs. M. L. Updyke received word this morning that her son, Wallace, had reached the European shores of the restless Atlantic and that he was feeling good and ready to do his share in winning the war.

Bloodpoisoning Sets In.

While working at the city pumping station last Friday, Lyle Fox had the misfortune to run a spike in his left hand in such a painful manner that he had to lay off. Later on bloodpoisoning set in and he had to have a physician attend to it so that the disease could be checked and killed.

W. C. T. U. Meeting.

Regular meeting of the W. C. T. U.

Saturday afternoon, Sept. 28, at Mrs.

W. A. Biss' residence.

Roll call—Favorite recipe.

Topic—Kitchen or housekeepers'

Leader-Mrs. J. W. Wells.

Will Support The Amendment.
The Michigan State Federation of Labor adopted a strong resolution endorsing and urging support of the woman soffrage amendment to the state constitution. Organizations generally throughout Michigan have taken this same stand in favor of votes for Michigan women.

## · LAUDS WORK OF BD. OF COMMERCI

GEN. FRED GREEN GAVE GOOD PATRIOTIC TALK AT MEETING LAST FRIDAY NIGHT.

Mayor Fred Green of Ionia, was the principle speaker at the splendid board of commerce luncheon given in the city hall auditorium Friday even-ing. The affair as far as the eats ing. The affair as far as the eats were concerned was in the nature of a serve-self affair and started off about 6:30 o'clock with everyone taking a plate and going to the table and helping themselves. Escalloped potatoes, fine green corn, bread, butter, coffee, doughnuts, pickles, etc., were on the bill of fare in abundance and the feed was splended and took the place of the regular supper ordinarily eaten at home by the members gathered. This was the first regular meeting since Secretary Byron F. Brown took his office and the corn which was a part of the meal, was furnished by him from his farm west and north of the city. Mr. Brown is undecided just what he will donate to the next luncheon but it may be chickens. There are several members of ens. There are several members of the board who will volunteer along with Mr. Brown to make several raids on neighboring hen coops in or-der to accomplish this and make a success of the next luncheon.

President R. Howard Hall called the meeting to order and then Sec. B. F. Brown made a fine speech setting forth the aims and objects which he had and which he would like to see achieved by the board of commerce. He believed that every person in the city ought to be a member of the organization and that a good stiff membership campaign would be very beneficial to the city and all concerned. His talk was very en-President R. Howard Hall called very beneficial to the city and all concerned. His talk was very enthusiastic and showed him to be a man big enough for the work connected with his office and people in this city can rest assured that he will boost for Belding at every given opportunity and that if the chance ever offers for a boom here, Mr. Brown will be there ready to manage it.

Mr. Brown would like to see a permanent memorial to soldiers and sailnent memorial to soldiers and sailors in the national service erected in their honor and suggested that the famous flag fund unknown its whereabouts and elusive though it seems to

characters of old Hank and Ma Weston will keep you in a continuous roar of laughter.

The play is directed by Billy Monroe, an actor of about ten years' experience on the professional stage, both in stock companies and road shows, and he has also worked in pictures at Jacksonville, Fla., with the Kalem company. Mr. Monroe has appeared in some of the best New York successes and has played in his time on the stage, over 150 different parts. He had his own stock company scription for this county and said that he pitied the person who though able, took no part in financing the war. He said that the greatest joy in life is service, whether it be the soldier who lays down his life on the battlefield for the cause of his country, or whether it be the person who does service for the good of his community or his neighbor. He praised our home town loyalists and said that the person who had not a good word for his own city, had better more.

Mayor Green said that the board of

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Dearest Mother and All:

Dearest Mother and All: somewhere in France. He said that just as this young man had freely given of his services in the same manner should everyone give towards the Fourth Liberty Loan.

Mayor Green stated that there were no flaws to pick with the present winning the war program and said that the thing to do was to boost and not notice the few and scattering derogatory remarks which would from time to time be heard. He closed by calling on every person in Belding to lend every effort to aid the men who are pushing on the war to a successful conclusion and a holy peace.

Alfred R. Locke, former prosecuting attorney of Ionia county, was also present. Mr. Locke when a boy lived here and he said that it was always a great pleasure for him to come here. He went back over a long time and recalled some pleasant incidents and good times which he had here in his younger days. He thought that the people of the nation were more than 99 per cent loyal and that they would do any amount of sacrificing to further the cause for which the nation is fighting. He also urged united support for the Fourth Liberty Loan drive.

The board of commerce members

The board of commerce members voted unanimously to defray the costs of the expenses of the coming drives out of the treasury of the association, which is in better condition at the present time than at any time previous.

time previous.

After taking several matters under consideration which dealt with the coming of Prof. McLaughlin and the Jackie band, the assemblage dispers-